

**Remarks**

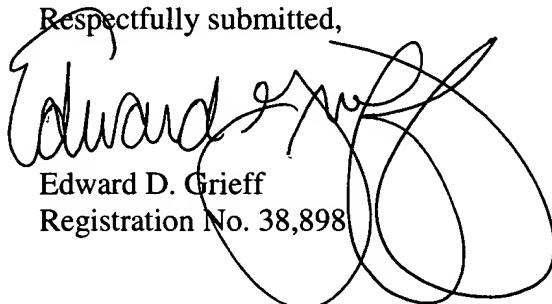
Claims 36-41, 50, 51, 59, 60, 64, 66, 68, 79-111, 113-115, 117 and 118 are pending.

Claims 90-92 and 95-98 have been amended to correct the dependency therein. In particular, "88" was changed to "89." No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants are filing an Appeal Brief concurrently herewith and respectfully request that this amendment be entered prior to consideration of the Appeal Brief because the Amendment does not raise any issues that would have an impact on consideration of the Appeal Brief.

The Appendix in the Appeal Brief filed herewith contains the claims as amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward D. Grieff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" at the beginning.

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